
Subject: Re: thumbnails

Posted by [davidf](#) on Thu, 01 Mar 2001 20:17:44 GMT

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Reimar Bauer (r.bauer@fz-juelich.de) writes:

> Oh David,
>
> why would you like to have a preview of about 100cm x 100cm.
> I believe the units are cm or am I wrong?

Whoops! Of course. The documentation didn't mention anything about units so, naturally, I just assumed DEVICE coordinates. I should have known better. :-(

So this works well:

```
IDL> set_plot, 'ps'  
IDL> device, /encap, /color, pre_xsize=1, pre_ysize=1, /inches, $  
IDL> Pre_depth=8, file='test.eps', preview=2  
IDL> tvimage, snap  
IDL> device, /close
```

Takes a fraction of a second, and produces a 1 inch by 1 inch preview image that shows up nicely if I try to import it into Powerpoint.

Interestingly, the thumbnail doesn't show up if I am looking at the thumbnail view with the File Manager. File size is under 1 MByte.

Sorry for the confusion. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say I still feel partial to the GhostView "Add EPS Preview..." button, even though that thumbnail doesn't show up either with the brain dead File Manager. But IDL is getting closer... :-)

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